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EVANSVILLE MAN SENTENCED FOR SELLING STOLEN CONSTRUCTION VEHICLES

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JOHN H. WOODALL, 35, of Evansville, Indiana, was sentenced to 6 months in a work release center and 3 years of probation late Friday by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young following his guilty plea to six counts of receiving a stolen motor vehicle. This case was the result of a investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department.

WOODALL pleaded guilty to the charges in court on August 18, 2004. According to facts presented in court during the guilty plea, on May 14, 2003, WOODALL was interviewed by the FBI. In the interview WOODALL admitted that he participated in the sale of

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construction equipment and 4-wheelers supplied by Joe Mott over a period of two years.

WOODALL stated that he was suspicious about the source of the equipment he was arranging to sell for Mott and that all the transactions were made in cash. WOODALL received a sum of cash between \$200 and \$1,000 for each transaction he helped WOODALL complete.

WOODALL listed the motor vehicles from memory that he arranged the sale of for Mott during the interview. Six of the vehicles that WOODALL admitted arranging the sale of were stolen outside of Indiana and sold in the vicinity of Evansville. These six vehicles were recovered from the buyers who confirmed that they were purchased from Mott and WOODALL. WOODALL bought one vehicle for himself from Mott.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who prosecuted the case for the government, WOODALL made restitution in the amount of \$10,300.

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